

Lol!

Meaning

The meaning of Lol has slightly changed over the past 30 years.

Now it has many different interpretations.

- Lol initially was an initialism for "laugh out loud" to express laughter
- Can be used to acknowledge you saw a text in comparison to a smile or a head nod at a person
- Used to express laughter when one is too lazy to actually laugh
- Express empathy between two people
- Easing tension or signaling light conversation
- Sarcasm all about the context

What Lol is Becoming

Lol started out as a initialism meaning just laugh out loud or in the rare case lots of love. It has now developed into a more sophisticated and complex role. Lol is moving into becoming a homonym - or a word that looks the same but has multiple meanings. Along with being an acronym.

Lol's Entrance

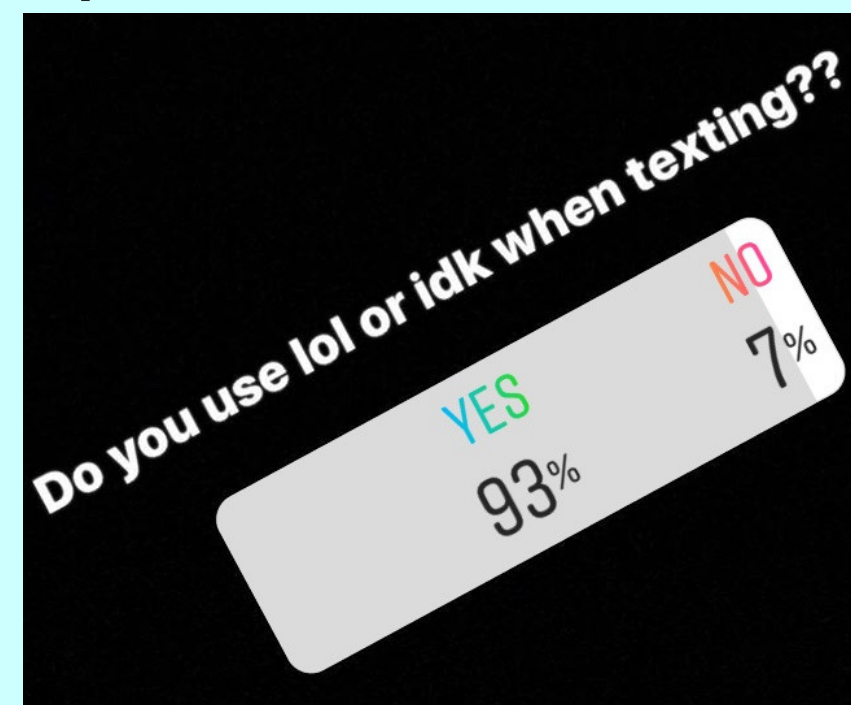
LOL first entered the English Language with it's current meaning in 1989. It was used mainly in electronic communication and not spoken. Prior to that thought it was used as another name for a little old lady or lol. It was originally created to shorten up language so we could communicate more with less in forums where the writer is limited to a certain amount of characters.

Unique

Texting is developing it's own grammar and usages outside of usual written language. It has become more sophisticated communicating lots with little. Professor John McWhorter calls in "Finger Speech"

Pronunciation

Most say the letters separately but some now pronounce it as "lal". The OED even has pronunciation for "lal" and L.O.L.



Do you use lol or idk when talking??

